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1. The following is a description of Wolmi-do (126-36, 37-28) beach:

- a. On the east coast from the Standard Oil Company storage building southwest to Wolmi-do Light, thence north along the causeway to Wolmi-do there is mud 3 to 6 inches deep. The beach proper is fronted by a reef and large rocks extending about 30 yards out.
- b. From Wolmi-do Light, which is on a stone pillar, around the reef and northwest to the first finger pier, is a large rock extending 15 to 30 yards seaward, followed by mud 3 to 6 inches deep with a soft bottom extending to the channel.
- c. From the first finger pier to the second pier, thence 900 yards along the beach, is a reef and a large rock extending 30 yards seaward. The rock extends to the low water line for the first 200 yards from the second pier. In the last 100 yards of this sector large conifers cover the foreshore. The adjacent road is hard surfaced, 16 feet wide.
- d. The entire next 400 yards, from the trees to a quay-like extension with a swimming pool at the seaward end, is firm sand from the beach 200 yards seaward. From the rock line (see c, above) and from the sand line in this sector, the mud is 3 to 6 inches deep with a firm bottom extending to the low water line. The beach gradient is 1/10. Large conifers cover the foreshore for the first 100 yards. The last 300 yards of the foreshore are clear with access to the crowded building area. There is one road 16 feet wide with a hard surface which leads directly from the beach through the building area to the Inchon causeway. The causeway is 20 feet wide with a 4-foot sidewalk on the southern side, with an asphalt surface. The 300-yard beach sector has accommodated 27 LCT's abreast.
- e. The quay-like extension has an inclined seawall about 15 feet high. The entire reef north of the extension is rocky and impassable. The bight extending from the north tip of the reef south to Inchon causeway is 3 to 6 inches deep with a firm bottom.

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f. The mud area south of Inchon causeway to the Standard Oil building ranges in depth from 18 inches to 5 feet, north of Standard Oil where the channel to Wolmi-do naval base exists.

g. The mud consistency is just thick enough to keep it from running off like water. In 3 to 6 inch depths, track vehicles can operate.

2. On 4 September the tide dropped 2 feet in 50 minutes at ebb off Yonghung-do.
3. Palmi-do was secured by the ROK navy on 3 September. No personnel or guns were found. The Palmi-do Light is not operative.

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